

Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission Plan for 2010

What we do:

- 1) Educate ourselves as a commission
- 2) Take action- work with Members of Congress, USTR
- 3) Outreach- Public hearings, educate Legislature, Governor's staff, etc.

Issues to focus on:

Paper dumping
Energy corridor and trade policy connections (including LNG)
Health care and trade policy

Task forces:

*Task forces are not as formal or permanent as subcommittees were, but can be small groups of interested commissioners who can help move these issue areas forward, by recruiting guest speakers, providing education to full commission, and recommending action items

Task forces:

- Outreach (to Legislature, Governor, public)
- Energy
- Paper dumping
- Health care

We can look over the schedule for the year and match up monthly meetings with topics and speakers, as they are available, and devote certain months to certain topics. The task force helps prepare: speakers, background info, suggested action items if necessary.

Staffing and funding: We will need to help advocate for the Commission to get funding, because our funding has been cut. This should be built into the plan to address at future meetings.

Meetings for 2010:

- June 18 Focus: Maine International Trade Center and export promotion. Speaker: Janine Bisailon- Cary, Director, Maine International Trade Center
- July 16 Focus: Energy issues Maine is dealing with. Speaker: TBD, Sen. Sherman is recruiting
- August-TBD (Possibly in concert with Council of State Governments Gathering in Portland)
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17